LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WITH A

List of the Clerks employed in his Office,

During the Year 1823,

AND THE

COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY EACH.

FEBRUARY 26, 1824.
Read: ordered that it lie upon the table.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, 24th February, 1824.

The Secretary of State, in obedience to an act of the 25th of April, 1818, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks in the different offices," which makes it his duty to report, annually, to Congress, the number of clerks he may have employed during the preceding year, together with the time each clerk was actually employed during the year, and the sum paid to each, has the honor to submit the following statement:

NAMES OF CLERKS.	TIME OF EMPLOY- MENT.	COMPENSA-
Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk		2,000
Richard Forrest, Clerk	do.	1,600
J. W. King, to 21st Oct.	at \$1,400 1,129 89	
Do. rest of the year	1,600 308 69	
		1,438 58
J. Bailey, to 21st Oct.	1,600	1,291 31
A. T. M'Cormick, Clerk	The whole year	1,400
Fontaine Maury do.	do.	1,400
T. L. Thruston, do.	do.	1,400
Geo. E. Ironside, to 21st Oct.	at \$1,000 807 06	
Do. rest of the year	1,400 270 10	
		1.077 16
F. L. Smith, to 21st Oct.	at \$800 645 65	
Do. rest of the year	1,000 192 93	
		838 58
J. M. Baker, Clerk -	The whole year	800
Wm. Browne, do. from 21st Oct.		154 34
Wm. Thornton, do	The whole year	1,500
Wm. Elliott, do	do.	1,000

It is proper to state, that George E. Ironside received, during the last year, out of the contingent fund of this office, for his services as translator to this Department, of foreign languages, the sum of \$350, and, also, that he received, out of the same fund, for preparing the alphabetical index to the acts of the last session of Congress, in pursuance of the resolution of the 3d of April, 1818, the sum of \$150; these allowances not being deemed inconsistent with the act first above referred to. It is likewise proper to state, that the sum of \$1,677 10 was paid to persons not belonging to the office, for their assistance in transcribing voluminous documents and papers,

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including a list of the factories employed in manufacturing, for sale, such articles as would be liable to duties, if imported from foreign countries, extracted from the Digest of Manufactures, as well as other sources of information, agreeably to a resolution of the Senate, of 1st March last, which could not have been seasonably accomplished without this aid, by the persons belonging to the Department. The sum of \$1,000, which was specially appropriated, at the last session of Congress, for preparing an additional Commercial Digest, pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 21st of January, 1823, has also been paid to a person employed by this Department, for performing that service.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.